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first carefully thought out, and then all the methods being thoroughly and impartially applied to one and the same district. Experiment of this kind should of course be made by various observers of different trainings and preferences, and in different localities. Precisely this sort of experimental criticism was attempted during the Italian excursion of 1908, but under conditions, as already pointed out, that predisposed the jurors to a verdict in favor of a particular method. It would be a good thing for geographical progress if a larger experiment of the same kind could be made. I trust that our association may some day actively engage in such an enterprise.

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THE GRADUATE SCHOOL OF PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

MR. W. C. PROCTER has renewed his gift of \$500,000 for the Graduate College of Princeton University on the same conditions on which it was originally made, except that in view of the bequest of Mr. Wyman for the graduate school, which it is thought will amount to \$3,000,000, the \$500,000 to be collected to secure Mr. Procter's gift is to be used for the endowment of the preceptorial system in the college. After the meeting of the trustees on June 9, President Wilson gave out the following statement:

By the will of the late Isaac C. Wyman, of the class of 1848, a great bequest has been left to the university in terms which must be acceptable to every friend of Princeton and of the higher learning. Its amount is expected to be sufficient to enable us to form a great graduate faculty and equip graduate teaching upon as liberal a scale as we should desire.

William Cooper Procter, of the class of 1883, has, with admirable generosity, offered \$500,000 to the university for the equipment and endowment of the Graduate College upon terms which will, I feel confident, commend themselves to every member of the board.

Mrs. Russell Sage has completed our great

obligation to her by offering to extend the beautiful building she recently presented to the university and to add to it the great tower which is likely to be the chief architectural ornament of the university.

Mr. Procter makes it a condition of his gift that the buildings of the Graduate College shall be placed upon the golf links. Strongly as my own judgment would dictate a different choice of site, the expectations of immediate large development created by Mr. Wyman's bequest so alter the relative importance of the question of the position of the graduate college of residence that I feel it to be my duty no longer to oppose in that matter what I now know to be the judgment of a majority of colleagues in the board.

The recent discussion of the many questions connected with the development and administration of the graduate school has fortunately called forth from all parties expressions of opinion which show practical unanimity of judgment and purpose upon the questions upon which agreement was most important; inasmuch as it has developed common consent that the life of the Graduate College should be organized upon the simplest and most natural lines possible, and that the college should be of common use and benefit to all members of the graduate school.

I, therefore, very heartily congratulate the board upon a combination of circumstances which gives so bright a promise of a successful and harmonious development of the university along lines which may command our common enthusiasm.

SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

SIR DAVID GILL, K.C.B., F.R.S., has been appointed a knight of the Prussian Order of Merit.

DR. WILHELM ROUX, professor of anatomy at Halle and eminent for his contributions to embryology, celebrated his sixtieth birthday on June 9, when a *Festschrift* in two volumes was presented to him.

DR. E. A. SCHAEFER, professor of physiology in the University of Edinburgh, has received an honorary doctorate of medicine at the University of Berne, after lecturing at the University on "The Functions of the Pituitary Body."

THE council of the Royal Society of Arts has elected Mr. Theodore Roosevelt a life member of the society under the terms of the